

# BRANCH H. SMITH RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE AS ASSEMBLYMAN

## Furnishes a Few Facts Concerning the Different Important Measures that Were up for Legislation.

Assemblyman Branch Smith, who recently returned from Carson, was asked by a Bonanza reporter how he liked his experience. Mr. Smith replied:

"Well, it is a sort of cut and slash proposition all the way through. If one wishes to find out the true character of any particular person just send him to the legislature and I dare say that when the lesson is over his true inner nature will be revealed. Senator Newlands in his speech in Tonopah last fall remarked 'that every man, to a certain extent, was greedy,' and since my experience in Carson I am convinced that the senator's statement was a most logical one. However, the recent assembly showed a disposition to be as George Ade would probably term them, 'ambitious looseners,' for appropriations of all kinds went through."

"Yes, I voted against the \$10,000 donation to Mrs. Sparks for three reasons: First, I am of the opinion that the bill is unconstitutional. The attorney general's opinion on paying a bonus to oil discoverers covers the Sparks' bill. Second, I am of the opinion that donations of that character are a bad precedent to establish. Third, in event of Mrs. Sparks' sudden death the money would go to someone else."

"Had the bill provided for a monthly allowance during her remaining years, I believe I should have supported it, as the state should reward those who sacrifice their lives and fortunes in its behalf, and I am informed that it was in consequence of attending to public duties that Governor Sparks became ill."

"Mr. Gallagher, of Rawhide, and myself fathered Senator Kendall's anti-wildcat bill through the assembly and succeeded in getting it passed without amendment. While the bill may appear a little stringent it is never the less a fair and just bill, and when the east finds out we have such a law upon our statute books, I believe they will feel safer when buying stocks. At any rate they will have the satisfaction of knowing just what they are getting."

"Some very important labor measures were put through the assembly, and while the senate killed a few of them we succeeded in passing the following:

- "Right of recall.
- "Mechanic's lien law.
- "Eight hours in open cuts.
- "Prohibiting commission on wages.
- "Increasing train crews.
- "Eight hours in cement and plaster mills.
- "Initiative and referendum.
- "Mining inspector.
- "Among the measures we passed in the assembly, but which died in the senate, are:
- "Boiler inspector.
- "Electric headlights on locomotives.
- "Only citizens work for state.
- "Justice court wage process.

"I succeeded in getting some pretty good school legislation through, particularly a bill creating an emergency fund which provides for unorganized school districts. This bill will probably be of more benefit to Nye county than any other in the state as we have had and probably will have more new districts springing up than any other county."

"The present bullion tax law is a farce and should be wiped out. The report issued by Bullion Tax Collector Haley shows that Nye and Esmeralda counties are paying the bulk of this tax, while Lincoln, Humboldt, Storey and Elko counties are evading it. I introduced a bill amending this law to conform with those of Idaho, Montana, Utah, California, Colorado and other mining states which provides a severe penalty and at the same time does not compel the operators to resort to subterfuge in order to get a square deal. The bill, however, met defeat, as those counties who do not pay their taxes seemed content to let Nye and Esmeralda 'continue to pay the freight.'"

"Probably the most interesting bill was the anti-gambling measure. This bill brought out more surprises and disappointments than any other. I voted against the bill, as did Messrs. McNamara, Merton and Charles Kane. While I am personally against gambling, I felt that the business had been legalized for some forty years, and it was only just and proper to give those interested in that business ample time in which to retire. Then, too, I do not think the time is quite ripe. It will mean quite a reduction in revenue, which of course means a higher tax for the poor man. I say poor man, because he has greater difficulty in paying a low tax than does the rich man who pays a higher tax."

Why do you think those voting for the bill did not take this view also?

"Well, to come right down to 'brass tacks,' I really think the bill would have been defeated in the assembly were it not for the applause of the gallery. You know most men want to be heroes. It seems to be characteristic of most men to want to be lauded to the skies in the public press, and when the Reno Gazette started in on its black mailing roll of dishonor, etc., those who were strong of flesh but weak of spirit were afraid to take a stand. Men, women, boys and girls of every type were present while the bill was under consideration to lobby and lend their influence. There was the sweet young school girl all bedecked out in ribbons of college colors, the refined looking old lady whose hair was silvery gray, and the long-faced, hungry looking preacher who stood beside her; then there was the hatchet-faced old maid, who wore silver rimmed spectacles and a No. 6 shoe, who looked daggers at those voting contrary to the bill; then there was a short, dumpy woman who wore a black dress and whom I judged to be president of the Woman's Civic Federation of Reno. She did a lot of whispering and reminded me of one of those Colorado club women framing up some candidate's defeat. Then there was the society lady, who looked just too sweet for anything. She was probably about 40, but from where I sat she did not look to be over 26 or 27. She was an artist in making up, for her eyebrows were pencilled to a nicety as was her cheeks and lips. She wore a beautiful black dress—a sort of all-over lace effect with large black spangles and one of those large new kettle-shaped hats trimmed with a long black ostrich plume. She sat over near the speaker's platform, and I thought she was married until I saw her looking up from under her eyebrows at Senator George Pyne, who was sitting beside the speaker. She did not seem interested one way or the other until Mr. Folsom of Washoe offered an amendment which included bridge whist, etc., then those large brown eyes snapped. The amendment was lost, however, and this beauty's look of pain disappeared. Then there were the university boys who made a lot of noise up in the gallery for fear everybody would forget their presence."

"Judge Currier of Reno made a very strong address in behalf of the bill, as did Judge Seeds. The latter's speech appealed to me because of the sincerity, and the plain open way he had of stating his ideas. The most indiscreet act was that of one of our supreme judges who stood on the speaker's platform and led the hand clapping for the anti. I presume, however, this is within the rights of any American citizen, yet it appeared to be undignified and not the proper place for a supreme judge."

"There is another matter which seems strange to me and that is the stand taken by Senators Coryell and Hunter of Elko. They led the calamity howlers' cause in the senate and laid great stress upon the fact that the working man's home was wrecked and his family suffered starvation and disgrace because of legalized gambling, yet when it came to the passage of the banking bill which would protect this same working man against the bogus bank and the looting of his daily earnings these same men refused to give him that protection, and were solely to blame for its failure to pass. Were they sincere with their efforts to pass the anti-gambling bill because of the moral side, or are they two infamous hypocrites? I believe them to be the latter and if I can ever help to fill their political graves, I shall certainly go and buy a No. 6 scoop shovel."

"While there is no argument in favor of gambling and the moral should not be measured by dollars and cents, there is a time for everything, and it is nothing but proper that those who have invested money be given a chance to dispose of their holdings before closing them up."

## RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE AS A CHIEF CLERK

### HARRY COOGAN HAS INTERESTING TIME WHILE OFFICIATING AT CAPITOL.

Harry Coogan, who for the past two months officiated as chief clerk of the assembly at Carson, came down from the north yesterday, and spent the day in Tonopah. He leaves this morning for his home in Goldfield. In speaking of his vast experience as a legislator, Mr. Coogan remarked:

"I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Not only was it valuable experience, but it was entertaining. In fact, it was as good as a show. When the anti-gambling bill came up in the assembly the chamber was crowded to the extreme. There were three fair co-eds from the state university sitting on my desk, and say, I had the time of my life. Each one was a jewel and consequently there was very little work accomplished at the chief clerk's desk that day. Why they even wanted me to come down to the university and take a course in callisthenics and shower baths."

"Seated in back of me was an aged female representative of the Woman's Suffragist association, and when I was calling the roll for the vote on the bill she would prod me in the back with her umbrella every time a member voted contrary to her wishes. Before the roll call was half way through the sergeant-at-arms came to my rescue and disarmed my antagonist."

"A person who has never had the opportunity of attending a Nevada legislature in session has but the faintest conception of how laws are made and unmade in this state. It is a school in itself and well worth attending. From now on, however, it is the 'simple life for me.'"

## AT THE CHURCHES

**Baptist.**  
Sunday school, 10 a. m. Sermon, 11 a. m.; "Broken Reeds and Smoking Flax." Junior league, 3:30 p. m. Young People's meeting, 6:45 p. m. Sermon, 7:30 p. m.: "Truth and Freedom." Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Strangers cordially welcome. Rev. H. Warren Nice, pastor.

**St. Mark's Episcopal.**  
Services, Sunday, March 28: Holy communion, 8 a. m. Morning prayer, 11 o'clock. Sermon: "Preparation for the day of Christ's Coming." Evening prayer, 8 o'clock. Sermon: "The Eternality of Christ." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Everyone is cordially invited to these services. The Rev. A. Lester Hazlett, Ph. D., archdeacon of Nevada, will conduct the Lenten service this week. The subjects of his talks are: March 30, "A Creed for the Creedless;" March 31, "The Price of Man;" April 1, "The Fatherhood of God;" April 2, "The Supreme Test." Time of service, 7:30 p. m. The archdeacon will conduct a "question box" at the close of each service—answering questions of the church, her doctrine, discipline and worship. Collections will be taken for missionary work in Nevada. Everybody invited. These will be interesting services. Lloyd B. Thomas, rector.

Fresh pastry daily at City Bakery. Opposite Tonopah Club. 3-19-1f

## PERSONAL

### BACK FROM LAS VEGAS.

Captain G. R. Bradley, who left Tonopah several months ago suffering from a severe attack of asthma, returned last evening from Las Vegas, where he has been recuperating. The captain will remain with us now for good.

### WILL RECUPERATE.

C. S. Davis, who has been laboring laboriously in the state assembly at Carson for the last two months, came down from Carson yesterday and leaves today for his home in Manhattan.

### FROM ROUND MOUNTAIN.

G. H. Gruss, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gruss and children of Round Mountain, came in from the north yesterday and will continue on by auto today for Chico, California.

### FIRE CHIEF BACK.

W. J. Sinclair, chief of the Tonopah fire department, returned yesterday from Wellington, where he has several excellent mining claims.

### COOGAN IS HERE.

Harry Coogan and wife were arrivals yesterday morning from Carson, where Mr. Coogan has been filling the chief clerkship of the assembly. They leave this morning for Goldfield.

### PIONEER LOOKS GOOD.

C. H. Mace, consulting engineer for the Tonopah Promotion committee, is back from Pioneer, where he spent several weeks looking over the district. He said yesterday that the camp was improving daily.

### LEAVES FOR PIONEER.

F. G. Waterhouse, general manager of the Nevada Telephone-Telegraph company, leaves this morning for a trip to Pioneer and the southern part of the county.

### VISITING RHYOLITE.

Captain G. W. Thatcher, a former resident of the Bullfrog district, but who now resides in Rawhide, is in Rhyolite looking over the southern end of the county.

### FROM THE BAY.

W. B. Kelly, of the San Francisco Bulletin, arrived from the north yesterday and leaves for Goldfield this morning.

### BACK FROM THE COAST.

The Rev. Floyd E. Dorris, after spending a week in San Francisco, came back on yesterday morning's train.

### LEGAL BUSINESS.

District Attorney Cleve H. Baker left yesterday for Reno to attend to legal affairs.

### MINING INTERESTS.

Senator Zeb Kendall has gone to Pioneer to look after mining interests in that vicinity.

### TO THE CAPITOL.

C. O. Whittemore, of the Tonopah and Tidewater system, passed through Tonopah yesterday enroute to Carson City.

Remember that you were a kid once yourself. So take the little ones to the Butler matinee this afternoon.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS

### MIZPAH HOTEL.

H. H. Hoxie, San Francisco; M. Sardou, San Francisco; W. B. Kelly, San Francisco; Harry J. Coogan and wife, J. G. Forchmer, Goldfield; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gruss and family, O. H. Gruss, Round Mountain; F. D. Farmer, San Francisco; M. Bestandig, San Francisco; F. J. Peery, Ogden, Utah; H. E. Peery, Ogden, Utah; G. R. Bradley, city.

### PALACE HOTEL.

C. A. Perrine, Round Mountain; W. Pickerskill, Reno.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The following is the report of the Tonopah station, department of agriculture weather bureau, for the week ending March 26, 1909:  
Highest barometer, Mar. 25...30.16  
Lowest barometer, Mar. 21...29.53  
Highest temperature, Mar. 26...45  
Lowest temperature, Mar. 21...21  
Mean temperature...32  
Average dew point...23  
Average humidity...73  
Number of partly cloudy days...3  
Number of cloudy days...4  
Number of days with snow...5  
Precipitation for week...3.0  
J. C. PIERCY,  
Official in Charge.

There will be reduced prices for the matinee at the Butler this afternoon.

### WHY NATIONAL BANKS ARE BEST

- B** They are subject to regulation and control by the United States Government.
- C** They are frequently examined and their affairs reported on by officers of the Government.
- A** They must furnish sworn reports, when called for, to the Comptroller of the Currency. These reports are verified at each examination.
- S** They must obey the laws of the United States.
- E** On the grounds of safety and conservatism we invite your business.

Nevada First National Bank of Tonopah  
UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

## THREE INDIANS ARRESTED ON A MURDER CHARGE

### SUSPECTED OF CAUSING DEATH OF MEXICAN NEAR SPANISH SPRINGS.

Deputy Sheriff A. C. Martinson left yesterday for Manhattan where he will secure three Indians who were arrested in that camp by Constable Henry Rose, and bring them to this city and place them in the county jail.

The Indians are suspected of murdering the Mexican whose body was found on the road between Spanish Springs and Helena. The coroner's jury that investigated the affair found a hatchet in the close vicinity of the body, and the wound on the head of the murdered man was inflicted by either a hatchet or some other sharp instrument.

Martinson and the prisoners will arrive from the north today.

## ATTEND THE MATINEE AT THE BUTLER

### A GOOD CHANCE THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE THE KIDS A TREAT.

This afternoon and tonight will be the last chance to witness the present acts that are being put on at the Butler. There will be a complete change of program tomorrow night when the latest skits in vaudeville will be presented.

The matinee yesterday was well attended by the children as well as by the old folks and the performance was appreciated by all. There will be another matinee this afternoon.

## NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, will pay \$25 reward for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who are poisoning dogs in the town of Tonopah.

J. J. OWENS,  
Sheriff of Nye County.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**WANTED**—June 1st to rent, with the option to buy, 40 to 60 H. P. automobile in good condition. Rental to apply on purchase price. Address P. O. box 345, Tonopah, Nev. 3-5-

**WANTED**—Clean cotton rags, without buttons—Two cents per pound—Inquire Bonanza Office.

**FOR SALE**—One new two-horse power Wagner 60-cycle, single phase, electric motor. Address B Bonanza office. 1f

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Trains.		Trains.
1-2	LOCAL	7-8
8.20 a.m./Lv.	Tonopah	Ar. 6.00 p.m.
9.30 a.m./Ar.	Goldfield	Lv. 4.40 p.m.
	Goldfield	Ar. 12.40 p.m.
7.30 a.m./Lv.	Tonopah	Ar. 11.15 a.m.
8.51 a.m./Ar.	Tonopah	Lv. 11.15 a.m.
9.01 a.m./Lv.	Milfers	Ar. 10.10 a.m.
9.20	Milfers	Lv. 10.10 a.m.
10.70 a.m.	Blair Junction	9.35 a.m.
1.02 p.m.	Mina	8.45 a.m.
6.45 p.m.	Mina	12.15 a.m.
7.45 p.m.	Reno	12.15 a.m.
1.30 p.m.	Ogden	5.10 p.m.
3.05 p.m.	Salt Lake	3.55 p.m.
4.20 p.m.	Santaquito	4.20 p.m.
7.45 a.m./Ar.	San Fran. Lv.	10.40 a.m.
All tickets to points east of Ogden are honored via Reno, where close connections are made with overland carrying Tourist and Standard Sleeping Cars.		
J. E. HOGAN,		J. E. PECK,
Gen. Agent.		Ticket Agent.
H. R. HANLIN,	W. D. FORSTER,	
Gen. Supt.	Traffic Mgr.	